



KEY NOTES

e-newsletter of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

September 16, 2010

Governor announces upcoming Star-Spangled plans



Rep. John Sarbanes, Rep. C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger, Alan Walden, Gov. O'Malley and Admiral John C. Harvey participated in the Saturday evening ceremony at Fort McHenry, during the fort's annual Star-Spangled Banner Weekend event, Sept. 10-12.

Gov. Martin O'Malley discussed two flag-related initiatives in his remarks at a Fort McHenry ceremony, on Sept. 11, commemorating the 196th anniversary of the Battle of Baltimore and the successful defense of the city during the War of 1812.

Beginning next spring, thanks to Maryland small business [F. W. Haxel](#), Maryland citizens will be able to acquire reasonably-priced replicas of the 15-star, 15-stripe American flag – reminiscent of the War of 1812-era flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the National Anthem following the all-night British bombardment of Fort McHenry in 1814. The proceeds will go to three nonprofits: [The American Flag Foundation](#), [Friends of Fort McHenry](#) and The [Star-Spangled Banner Flag House](#). [Downtown Partnership of Baltimore](#) and the [Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission](#) will assist in marketing the flag campaign.

The other plan calls for state agencies to fly Star-Spangled Banner 15-star, 15-stripe flags as they replace worn-out, 50-star, 13-stripe U.S. flags.

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[Historical Society of Kent County
History Happy Hour: *Terror on the Chesapeake* book signing & discussion](#)
October 1, 2010

[Fourteenth National War of 1812 Symposium](#)
October 2, 2010

[The History and Archaeology of 1813 British Raiding on the Northern Chesapeake: Frenchtown, Havre de Grace and Fredericktown](#)
October 13, 2010

North Point celebrates Defenders' Day



Royal Marines re-enactors participate in the Battle of North Point Defenders' Day commemoration.

About 6,000 people attended the [Battle of North Point Defenders' Day](#) celebration at Fort Howard Park on Sunday, Sept. 5. Re-enactors – representing American militia units and the British Royal Marines – showed how local citizens defended Baltimore from the invading British on Sept. 12, 1814. The Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society and Museum sponsored this free event.

Vote for themes of upcoming 1812 coins

The Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission will make recommendations to the U.S. Mint about what themes should be used for imagery on the [Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Coin](#). We want your opinion! Please vote for two of the themes listed below – one for each side of the coin. [Submit your choices](#) to the commission. All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, Sept. 24. One entry per person, please.

- The Chesapeake Campaign of the War of 1812
- Fort McHenry and the Battle of Baltimore
- Maryland Defenders
- Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial themes: inspiration, unity, preparedness, and courage
- The Star Spangled Banner (flag and National Anthem)
- The Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail
- Other: _____

1812 history gets a boost in classrooms

A variety of organizations involved in bicentennial plans are providing tools that promote the teaching of War of 1812 history. Here are some of the projects:

- The War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission hosts a [resources section](#) on its web site that includes an array of links to information about early 19th century American history, including a sub-section for teachers.
- [Baltimore National Heritage Area](#) plans to have lesson ideas, field-trip information and curriculum connections this fall.

[Historical Society of Cecil County Annual Meeting featuring a presentation by Dr. Ralph Eshelman](#)

October 18, 2010

[Downrigging Weekend 2010](#)

October 28-31 2010

Recent News

[Local students get history lesson at Fort McHenry](#), *The Baltimore Sun*, September 10, 2010

[People are talking: War of 1812 License Plates](#), *WJZ.com*, August 25, 2010 (video)

[Will Bauer's Farm play active role in 1812 celebration?](#), *The Dundalk Eagle*, August 25, 2010

Read more [news](#).

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

September 1, 2010

Maryland Humanities Council
[Major Grants \(letters of inquiry\)](#)

October 1, 2010

Institute of Museum and Library Services
[Conservation Project Support Grants](#)

National Trust for Historic Preservation
[Preservation Fund](#)

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National Historical Publications and Records Commission
[Professional Development Grants for Archives and Historical Publishing](#)

[Publishing Historical Records - New Republic through the Modern Era](#)

[Strategies and Tools for Archives and Historical Publishing Projects](#)

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National Endowment for the

- [Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum](#), [Bladensburg Waterfront Park](#) and [Fort McHenry](#) are developing school and outreach programs, lesson plans and classroom materials.
- [Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail](#) and its partners will offer professional development for teachers throughout the 2010-11 school year.
- Fort McHenry and [Maryland Public Television](#) are developing a virtual resource center (by 2012) for War of 1812-related materials, with one-stop access to lesson plans, primary sources, video clips and field trip ideas.

For more information, e-mail [Abbi Wicklein-Bayne](#).

Reminder: Water-trail plan open for public comment

A draft plan for the water trail portions of the [Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail](#) in Maryland will be available at www.warof1812.org for public comment by September 24. Drafted by Environmental Resources Management, the plan has recommendations for improving access, stewardship and interpretive opportunities along the trail that spans the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. We welcome your comments.

Regional Updates

Prince George's County



George Washington, Market Masters, and Magruder houses on Aug.24.

On Aug. 24, the Port Town area's 1812 Task Force honored the 196-year anniversary of the Battle of Bladensburg by flying 15-star, 15-stripe flags around town. Flags were flown at War of 1812-related sites, including: [Bladensburg Waterfront Park](#); [Riversdale](#); Boswick; and the [George Washington](#), Magruder, and Market Masters houses. The Peace Cross and the [Town Hall of Bladensburg](#) also participated.

The task force has met weekly since the spring. Current projects include the development of a new website related to the Battle of Bladensburg and the creation of a visitor center.

Southern Maryland

The [Calvert Marine Museum](#) is part of a group that has received a three-year Teaching American History grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This award helps fund *Roots of a Nation – A Chesapeake Journey*, a educational plan

Humanities

[Collaborative Research Grants](#)

Links



[Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission](#)



[Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail](#)



[Baltimore National Heritage Area](#)

[Eastern Shore 1812 Consortium](#)

[Historic Prince George's](#)

developed by Sultana Projects and several other organizations.

Roots of a Nation allows master teachers to get intensive, field-based experience in four periods of American history: Native American history and European settlement; Revolutionary War; War of 1812; and slavery and the Civil War.

Calvert Marine Museum's focus will be the War of 1812. Working with Dr. Ralph Eshelman, author of *The War of 1812 in the Chesapeake*, and Donald Shomette, author of *Flotilla: The Patuxent Naval Campaign in the War of 1812*, the museum plans to offer four courses each year over the next three years. The museum also plans to host a large conference in November 2011.

Upper Bay

The Upper Bay Steering Committee for the War of 1812 bicentennial met Aug. 31 to discuss an action plan for short- and long-term goals. In addition to forming sub-committees, the group discussed legacy projects and events for 2013. A new web site for the group is in development. It will feature an interactive timeline, regional history and sites related to the War of 1812, and upcoming events.

Featured Site

Kitty Knight House



The Kitty Knight house survived the British attack on Georgetown on May 6, 1813, after Knight pleaded with British troops to spare the building because an elderly woman lived there. Today, the house is a restaurant and inn.

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